



The January 2007 Clark

Fifth Clark of the 36th Ziu

1. Results of the December 2006 Clark

The following bill received Royal Assent and have been passed into law:

36RZ12 – The Repealing of the Islamic Stupidity Act

Introduced by Viteu Marcianüs (MC-RUMP)

Agreed to by the Cosă 156-10, by the Senäts 5-2

The Cosă passed a Vote of Confidence in the Government 132-34 .

Members of the Cosă voted as follows:

Name	Party	Seats	RZ 12	VoC
Samuhél Tecladéir	CLP	12	Per	Üc
Patrick Woolley	CLP	11	Per	Üc
Corrine De Winter	CLP	11	Per	Üc
Joel Wood	CLP	10	<i>Did not vote</i>	
Joseph Walkland	CLP	11	Per	Üc
Al Simmerman	CLP	11	Per	Üc
Polly Holdorf	CLP	10	Per	Üc
Brad Holmes	CLP	10	Con	Üc
Danihel Lauriéir	DOTT	1	Per	Non
Albrec'ht Cheléir	RUMP	12	<i>Did not vote</i>	
Xhorxh Unamind	RUMP	12	<i>Did not vote</i>	
Nikü Spyropoulos	RUMP	12	Per	Üc
Nic Casálmac'h	RUMP	11	Per	Üc
Sevastáin Casálmac'h	RUMP	10	Per	Üc
Matáiwos Nanamavéu	RUMP	9	Per	Non
Ian da Bitour	RUMP	12	Per	Non
Bleic'h Ianesu	RUMP	12	Per	Üc
Viteu Marcianüs	RUMP	11	Per	Üc
Mick Preston	RUMP	12	Per	Non
			156-10	132-34

Senators voted as follows:

Name	Province	RZ12
Ián von Metáiriä	Atatürk	Con
Quedéir Castiglhä	Belacostä	Per
Ma la Mha	Cézembre	Per
		5-2

Name	Province	RZ12
Ian Lupul	Florenčiă	Per
Olaf Brainerd	Maricopa	Per
Fritz von Buchholtz	Maritiimi-Maxhestic	Per
Trotxă Betiñéir	Vuode	Con
		5-2

2. This Month's Business

The Fifth Clark of the 36th Ziu runs from January 1st to 21st 2007/XXVIII.
Voting on the Clark is open until the 21st of January at 7:30 PM Talossan time.

The following bills have been presented for consideration:

36RZ13 – The Murder of Crows Act

Introduced by Mick Preston (MC-RUMP)

36RZ14 – The Amendment Amendment (Amendment)

Introduced by Ián, Duke of Lupul (Senator-FL)

36RZ15 – Living Cosă Reform Amendment (Amendment)

Introduced by Matáiwos Nanamavéu (MC-RUMP)

36RZ16 – The "I Knew KRI, and You're No KRI" Amendment

Introduced by Danihel Lauriéir (MC-DOTT)

The full text of these bills is available in the appendix.

The following motion is to be voted on by the Cosă only:

Vote of Confidence

Do you wish the current Government to continue in its term of office?

3. Judicial Decisions

Pursuant to Lex.G.12.1, the Chancery announces that no decisions were rendered by any national court since the publication of the last Clark.

4. Prime Dictates

Pursuant to Lex.H.2.7.1, the Chancery announces that no Prime Dictates were issued since the publication of the last Clark.

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The Secretary of State / El Secretar d'Estat
Ián, Duke of Lupul*

A. Full text of all bills on the Clark

36RZ13 - The Murder of Crows Act

WHEREAS 23RZ3 (The Crow Act) designated the crow as the national bird of the Kingdom of Talossa, and

WHEREAS said "Crow Act" asserted, arguably mistakenly, that crows travel in "huge herds" or "flocks," and

WHEREAS the proper term for a group of crows is said to be a "murder," and

WHEREAS the fact that more than one crow being a "murder of crows" makes them all the more cool, and

WHEREAS an inadequate understanding of the coolness of crows may result in some future Cosâ deciding to replace it with another bird found in the GTA, such as the Common Grackle, and

WHEREAS the Common Grackle is mos' def uncool, and

WHEREAS those Talossans who think that ravens are cooler than crows should be informed that ravens are actually a TYPE of crow, now

THEREFORE, the Ziu hereby

- Reaffirms the crow as the National Bird of the Kingdom of Talossa, with full knowledge and awareness of the coolness thereof, and
- Officially makes a murder of crows (in Talossan, 'n asasinà da crovâs) the National Group of Birds.

Uréu q'estadra sâ,
Mick Preston (MC-RUMP)

36RZ14 - The Amendment Amendment (Amendment)

WHEREAS Article XV, Section 1 of the Organic Law permits the King what amounts to an absolute veto over Amendments to the Organic Law, and

WHEREAS the King should have no such power, but rather any measure that receives the approval of 2/3 of each House and a majority of the voters should pass into law, even over the King's objection, and

WHEREAS the Organic Law seems to leave the question undecided, as to whether the King can veto an Amendment even before it is ratified by the people, and

WHEREAS the King should have no power to do that either, since a 2/3 vote of each House can overturn his veto anyway, and the Amendment has to have 2/3 approval to pass in the first place, and

WHEREAS the Organic Law's requirement that the ratification take place "as soon as practicable after the vote in the Ziu" is ill-defined, and isn't the way it's usually been done anyway, and

WHEREAS the last sentence of Article XV, Section 1 contains obsolete language concerning the rôle of territories in the election of Senators,

THEREFORE the Ziu hereby approves the following Amendment to the Organic Law, and transmits it to the voters for their ratification.

Article XV, Section 1 of the Organic Law is amended to read, in full:

A Bill seeking to Amend the Organic Law shall be deemed to have passed the Ziu only upon the approval of two thirds of the votes in each House. Such a Bill cannot be vetoed. If such an Amendment passes the Ziu, it shall be transmitted to the voters for their ratification in a referendum, which shall be held no later than the next General Election, and may be held sooner if the Seneschál so directs. A period of at least three weeks shall be allowed for balloting in any referendum not held concurrently with a General Election. Upon approval by a majority of the votes cast on the question in the referendum, the Amendment shall be incorporated into the Organic Law.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Ián, Duke of Lupul (Senator-FL)

36RZ15 - Living Cosâ Reform Amendment (Amendment)

WHEREAS Living Cosâs have traditionally played an important part in the legislative history of Talossa, and

WHEREAS the Organic Law's procedures for conducting Living Cosâs have not been updated to accomodate EM200, and

WHEREAS the current Living Cosâ do not take account of technological advances over the past century or so, and

WHEREAS Living Cosâs can be a lot of fun, and

WHEREAS by fixing the aforementioned problems, we can start having Living Cosâs again, and

WHEREAS the VOC requirement in Article XIV, Section 7 of the Organic Law is superfluous given that Article XIII, Section 5 requires the Clark to contain a VOC "in every edition," now

THEREFORE the Ziu hereby approves the following amendment to the Organic Law, and transmits it to the voters for their ratification.

1. Article XIV, Section 4 of the Organic Law is amended to read:

Section 4. Members who cannot attend will not be denied the right to vote on that month's Clark. They may send their votes to the Secretary of State by any means feasible, so that they can be announced at the Living Cosâ. A member may, in writing, delegate his authority to vote (temporarily transfer his seats) to another person who can attend the Living Cosâ, but no individual may hold more than thirty seats, counting both proxy and permanently assigned seats, for purposes of the Living Cosâ. The Ziu may provide by law for quorum requirements, and for attendance via telephone, videoconference, or other remote means.

2. Article XIV, Section 7 of the Organic Law is replaced with the following text:

Section 7. Senators shall be permitted to participate in Living Cosâ debates on the same terms as MCs, but may not delegate or exercise proxy votes. During a Living Cosâ month, the Senäts shall vote normally (as specified in Section 2 of Article IX), except that senators must submit their votes to the Secretary of State by the time of the final tally specified in Section 5 above.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Matáiwos Nanamavéu (MC-RUMP)

36RZ16 - The "I Knew KRI, and You're No KRI" Amendment

WHEREAS, it's probably a good idea to make sure that the Organic Law doesn't contain false claims or at least not too many real whoppers; and

WHEREAS, whether one likes him or not, King Robert I is the creator and founder of Talossa, and the only person to whom it is accurate to say that "the nation itself owes its existence"; and

WHEREAS, it would therefore be false and wrong to describe any subsequent King in a way that can only accurately be applied to King Robert I (c'mon give the guy his due),

THEREFORE the Ziu hereby approves the following Amendment to the Organic Law, and transmits it to the voters for their ratification.

Article III, Section 2 of the Organic Law is amended to read, in full:

Section 2. The King is the symbolic head of the nation. The nation democratically grants the King and his successors certain Royal Powers: The right to declare national holidays, grant titles of nobility, make the annual Speech From the Throne on the 26th of December (or at other times when events warrant), to veto bills (or Prime Dictates), to issue Writs of Dissolution and Warrants of Prorogation for the Cosâ, to grant pardons and commute sentences, to confer awards and decorations, to appoint the Seneschál after elections, and to appoint Governors of Territories upon the advice of the Seneschál.

Article III, Section 3 of the Organic Law is amended to read, in full:

Section 3. The historic and official title of the King of Talossa is: "____ (name), by the Grace of God, King of Talossa and of all its Realms and Regions, King of Cézembre, Sovereign Lord and Protector of Pengöpäts and the New Falklands, Defender of the Faith, Leader of the Armed Forces, Viceroy of Hoxha and Vicar of Atatürk, Founder of the Great Nation of Talossa." The title shall, along with the Royal dignity, pass to the King's successors. However, because the nation itself owes its existence to His Majesty, Robert I, King of Talossa, the phrase "Founder of the Great Nation of Talossa" shall not pass but shall appertain solely to His Majesty King Robert I.

Uréu q'estadra sã,
Daniei Lauriéir (MC-DOTT)